New works in the Alwaye Division.

78. *MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI *(The Travancore Jenmies—North):* Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new works included in the P. W. D. Budget for 1121 in the Alwaye Division; and

(b) the number of new works executed in the Alwaye Division till Mithunam 1121?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: *(a)* 56.

(b) 4 completely executed and 19 under various stages of execution.

MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI: May I know the names of the bridges now completely executed?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I cannot give the names offhand.

MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI: May I know whether there was any particular authority for taking up these four works?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes, Sir.

MR. N. D PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI: May I know the approximate amount spent for these works?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I cannot give the figures without reference. I have got a long statement.

MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI: May I know why all these works should be taken up simultaneously?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Many of them are already in various stages. We have to get the plans prepared and the estimates sanctioned to start the works.

MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI: May I know whether the works which are not taken up for execution this year are included in the budget of next year?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes, Sir.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR *(Vaikom* cum *Kottayam):* May I know what has happened with regard to the other works?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: They are in various stages. The estimates of some are in my office and the rest in the various subordinate offices, in various stages of survey, estimating, etc.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Is not some fundamental defect evinced in the P. W. Department on account of the fact that out of the 56 new works included in the budget for 1121 only four have been completely executed?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I do not think so. But I am trying to persuade all my officers to go ahead speedily with the various works.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether the whole fault is due to the subordinates of the Engineering Department?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I do not want to claim all the good to myself and bad to my subordinates.

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MR. K. M. PAUL: *(Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam):* Then, who is responsible for this state of affairs?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I do not want to say who is responsible.

MR. K. M. PAUL: May I know whether the delay in execution is due to the insufficient rates allowed by the department?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Not in every case.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Out of the 56 works, it is stated that two have been taken up and that others are in various stages of progress. May I know whether the rest are being attended to at all?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Actually, only four works are completed and 19 under various stages of execution.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Sir, nothing has been stated in the answer about these "other works." I wanted further clarification on that matter.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The answer is to the question, not for what the honourable member had in mind.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the honourable member state what the average delay is so far as his office is concerned regarding each of these works?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Probably about 30 days.

Projects.

79. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN *(Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum):* Will the Government be pleased to state the progress made so far of the following projects:

(1) the K. E. P. Division at Perunchani,
(2) The Vizhinjom Harbour scheme,
(3) The dams across *(a)* Pamba river,
(b) Kallada river,
(c) Neyyar, and
(d) Karamana river?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (1) The foundation for the right floor of the dam at Perunchani is nearly ready and the rock depth is being explored with the available calyx drills. Foundation for the central section is under execution. Store sheds for cement, explosives, machinery and other stores have been constructed as also a field office.

Quarters for labour and Maistries have been constructed at Perunchani, Pechippara and Tripparappu or are nearly completed and are fit for occupation. Some 200 families are in residence. Quarters for other staffs are under construction and are expected to be ready in a month or two.

The 7 earthen gaps of the Kodayar Dam works have been strengthened adequately to deal with increased storage. Strengthening of the masonry dam and grouting it after drilling calyx holes are in progress and considerable headway has been made in them.

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